

## Interoperability Montana Retreat

The Interoperability Montana Project Directors (IMPD) cordially invite you to attend this retreat to become more informed about the IM Project and to contribute your ideas about how to move the project forward.



The Tower at Red Mountain

Interoperability Montana is a grassroots effort to enhance responder safety by promoting statewide radio interoperability. This partnership of local, state, tribal and federal agencies is dedicated to a strategic deployment of Project 25, digital, secure voice and data communications across the state.

Each of Montana's 56 counties and 7 tribal nations are represented in one of eight voice consortia. In addition, the Mobile Data Terminal Consortium, is dedicated to enhancing data interoperability in the state. Three state agencies also have voting positions on the IMPD, representing the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Montana Highway Patrol (MHP).

Consortia directors represent their local or agency communications needs, yet they are working collaboratively to build a shared system that will improve the safety of residents and first responders.

## Questions About the IM Retreat

### 1. When is the IM Retreat?

The IM retreat is at the end of the Governor's Summit on Emergency Preparedness at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings, MT on Thursday and Friday, April 24 - 25 2008

### 2. Who should attend?

Elected Officials such as County Commissioners and Sheriffs, Public Safety Officials, and persons with an interest in Interoperable Communications are encouraged to attend.

### 3. How Do I Register?

Registration may be done on line via Montana State University's Extended University at the following link:  
<http://eu.montana.edu/preparedness>

### 4. How do I make hotel reservations?

Call the hotel directly at: (406)-248-7701 and say that you are part of the IM Retreat block of rooms. Travel and per diem are reimbursed at state rates.



A helicopter lifts a shelter up to the Mt. Royal Communications Site



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## April 24-25, 2008

**Retreat:** "A period of group withdrawal for the purpose of scholarship and study."

We invite you to spend a few days in Billings, MT to become more informed about the Interoperability Montana Communications Project and to contribute your ideas to help the IM Project take positive steps forward.



## DAY ONE: Thursday, April 24

### 12:00 – 1:30 pm • LUNCH BUFFET

Missouri Room

Celebration/Recognition

MC: Bob Anez, Dept. of Corrections

- Cheryl Liedle – Lewis and Clark County Sheriff (First IMPD Chair)
- Don Brostrom – Hill County Undersheriff (First IMTC Chair)
- Tim Burton (Helena City Manager)
- Dave Nielsen (Helena City Attorney) – (Created IM Interlocal Agreement)
- Roger Smith – Montana Highway Patrol

### 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm • JEOPARDY!

Bighorn Center

Questions and answers are based on the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) <http://interop.mt.gov>

### 2:45p m – 3:00 pm • BREAK

### 3:00 – 5:00 pm • Accomplishments to Date Moderator: Erin Lee

- Structure of Interoperability Montana (IM)
  - Overview: Cindy Mullaney
  - Governance: Chief Alan Michaels
  - Legal Status: Robert Murdo, Attorney
- Finance Structure
  - Sheriff John Walsh, Butte-Silver Bow
- Technical Build-Out – Network, Infrastructure, Construction Plans
  - Bob McWilliams, IMTC Chair
  - Roger Smith, MHP
  - Kevin Bruski, MDoT
- Outreach Plan
  - Bob Anez, DOC

### 6:00 – 7:00 pm • Reception • Atrium

### 7:00 – 9:00 pm Dinner • Keynote Speakers

- Dick Clark, Chief Information Officer (CIO), State of Montana
- Success Stories (Sheriff Liedle, Mark Adams, & Dawson County Commissioner Jim Skillestad)

## DAY TWO: Friday, April 25

### 7:00 – 8:00 am • Breakfast Buffet

### 8:00 – 8:15 am • Overview & Expectations Missouri Room

Erin Lee, National Governor's Assoc.  
Tom Lawless, Chief, Multi-Jurisdictional Communications Services, Office of Emergency Communications, Department of Homeland Security

### 8:15 – 9:30 am • Breakout Sessions

Moderators: Erin Lee, David Henry,  
Thomas MacLellan, National Governor's Assoc.

#### Gallatin Room

I. Role of Consortia and Their Members

#### Bitterroot Room

II. Outreach and Where Do We Go From Here?

#### Stillwater Room

III. Long-term Maintenance and Funding

### 9:30 – 9:45 am • BREAK

### 9:45 – 11:00 am Breakouts-Repeated Gallatin/Bitterroot/Stillwater Rooms

### 11:00 am – 12:00 pm • Reports From Breakout Groups

### 12:00 – 1:30 pm • LUNCH BUFFET

### 1:30 pm • ADJOURN



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- ♦ Montana Department of Corrections
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- ♦ Montana Disaster and Emergency Services
- ♦ Montana Highway Patrol
- ♦ Montana State University
- ♦ Motorola
- ♦ National Governors Association
- ♦ Northrop Grumman Corporation
- ♦ Public Safety Services Bureau



A crane lifts a communications shelter to its new home on top of Red Mountain.